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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES  
Joint Committee on Atomic Energy

March 15, 1949

Rear Adm R. H. Hillenkoetter, Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
2430 E Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Admiral Hillenkoetter:

I have long felt that the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy was much in need of information as to how our intelligence work is progressing. The Committee needs to know, as I see it, how much data has been obtained regarding atomic energy progress in foreign countries; what steps are being taken to notify us of the acquisition of atomic weapons by foreign countries; the organizational setup in this field so far as our own intelligence is concerned; and the liaison which exists between the Central Intelligence Agency, the Atomic Energy Commission and other branches of the government.

Accordingly, I invite you and such members of your staff as you deem appropriate to be present at an executive session next Monday, March 21, at 2:30 P.M., in Room 48G of the Capitol Building.

I am also inviting representatives of the Intelligence Divisions of the Air Force and the Atomic Energy Commission to be present.

Sincerely yours,

(s) Brien McMahon

Chairman